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SUBJECT:MODE - TREASURY/US CUSTOMS SERVICE REQUEST TO
CONSOLIDATE THEIR TWO OFFICES IN WEST GERMANY

1. CITING DISCUSSIONS ALREADY HELD WITH CONGEN FRANKFURT
AND AMBASSADOR'S STAFF BONN, TREASURY DEPARTMENT/U.S.
CUSTOMS SERVICE PROPOSES TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR TWO WEST
GERMANY OFFICES IN THREE STAGES: (1) MOVEMENT OF ONE
FSL POSITION FROM FRANKFURT TO BONN IMMEDIATELY; (2)
MOVEMENT OF ONE U.S. POSITION (SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICER,
INVESTIGATIVE) FROM FRANKFURT TO BONN EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER
1977 WHEN POSITION IS VACATED BY PRESENT INCUMBENT; AND
THE AWARDED OF AN ASSISTANT ATTACHE TITLE FOR SUCCESSOR
INCUMBENT AFTER THE MOVE; AND (3) MOVEMENT OF THE SECOND
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U.S. POSITION (CUSTOMS OFFICER) FROM FRANKFURT TO BONN
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1978 WHEN ITS INCUMBENT WILL BE REASSIGNED.
THE SECOND FSL POSITION CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED AT FRANKFURT
WOULD BE ABOLISHED IN JUNE 1978.

2. TREASURY/US CUSTOMS JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSAL IS
AS FOLLOWS: THE CONSOLIDATION OF U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

ACTIVITIES IN WEST GERMANY BY THE CLOSING OF THE FRANKFURT OFFICE AND THE TRANSFER OF THE POSITIONS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED THERE TO BONN SHOULD CREATE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND

EFFICIENT REPRESENTATION IN WEST GERMANY AND IN THE REGIONAL AREA WHICH THE OFFICE COVERS (AUSTRIA, DENMARK, FINLAND, LIECHTENSTEIN, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, POLAND, AND USSR). INCUMBENTS OF THE U.S. POSITIONS INVOLVED CONDUCT INQUIRIES IN THE REGIONAL AREA OF JURISDICTION ON MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE IMPORTATION OF MERCHANDISE INTO THE U.S., MAINTAINING CONTACTS IN THE HOST COUNTRIES' CUSTOMS SERVICES AS WELL AS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF FOREIGN BUSINESS OFFICIALS.

3. CUSTOMS ESTIMATES THAT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT NOW PROVIDED IN BONN SHOULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPACTED BY TRANSFERS OF POSITIONS; ALSO THAT NEITHER THE HOST GOVERNMENT NOR THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES COVERED WILL OBJECT TO THE CHANGE.

4. PROVIDED COM CONCURS, PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF POSITIONS HAS APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT AND MODE SYSTEM. EVENTUAL REALIGNMENT WILL LEAVE AUTHORIZED CUSTOMS STAFFING LEVEL IN GERMANY AT 4 U.S., 2 FN, EFFECTIVE JULY 1978. FY 77 AUTHORIZED LEVEL WILL REMAIN 4 US, 3 FN. QUESTION OF ASSISTANT ATTACHE TITLE FOR NUMBER TWO OFFICER POSITION AFTER MOVE WILL BE ADDRESSED IN LIGHT OF POST RECOMMENDATIONS. PLEASE REPORT COM VIEWS.

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